last two years, viz., 1990-91 and 1991-92 are as under:

	Sanctioned	*Provided*
Nanded District :	45	40
Parbhani Distt. :	43	43

(d) Temporary telephones sanctioned in these districts during last two years viz. 90-91 and 1991-92 are as under:-

Nanded District	:	33
Parbhani Distt.	:	16

Flight from Visakhapatnam to Delhi

4059. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Visakhapatnam with Delhi;

(b) if so, whether survey regarding the present traffic position especially the percentage of occupy of seats month-wise has been conducted; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to conduct a survey in this regard now?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Closing of Post Offices in Andhra Pradesh

4060. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for continuation of existing ED Branch Post Office, Branch Post Office, ED Sub Post Office, Sub Post Offices in rural areas;

(b) whether the Government propose to close some Post Offices in Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A statement in this regard is attached.

(b) There is no proposal to close any post office in Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh. However, whenever some Post Offices are not justified for retention as per the norms, these are considered for relocation as per extant orders.

(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

STATEMENT

Criterion for continuance of extra-departmental branch post offices, ED sub post offices and sub post offices in rural areas:

Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices:

In normal areas, there should be a minimum income of 33 1/3% of income to cost of the offices and in hilly/tribal/desert and inaccessible areas, the minimum income should be 15% of the cost.

Extra-Departmental Sub Post Offices:

It should have a minimum work [illegible] hours.